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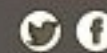
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Your landlord's life may get a little harder

RENTING

Plan would further protect tenants from illegal evictions



**May
Warren**
Metro | Toronto

Ontario landlords would have to compensate tenants they evict for their "own use" with one month's rent or offer them another unit, under the province's new proposed rental legislation.

The highlights of the new protections were presented as part of the province's housing affordability plan last week.

But details of the "Rental Fairness Act," which amends the Residential Tenancies Act and is in second reading, are now public. Landlords would have to offer tenants a new unit or compensate them with one month's rent, if the bill passes as written.

Geordie Dent, executive director of the Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations, said this will "disincentive landlords from acting illegally, which is great."

It's hard to know how many people are evicted yearly based

on these grounds, as the forms landlords use to do it, the N12, are not tracked. But tenant advocates say it's a widespread issue.

Landlords will also have to put in writing to the Landlord and Tenant Board that they need the unit for at least a year and are acting in "good faith."

That means if your landlord evicts you so that he or she or a family member can live in the unit and then you see it on Craigslist two months later for higher rent, it's on them to explain to the Landlord and Tenant Board.

"Right now when that happens the tenants have to prove the landlord acted in bad faith, now what they're doing is reversing the onus," said Dent.

Landlords are unhappy about the new rules.

"This will have a very significant impact on small landlords and a very significant impact on condominiums," said Jim Murphy, president of the Federation of Rental-Housing Providers of Ontario.

He believes the "tight" new rules will result in some small investors selling off units because they don't see them as worth the extra trouble. "That again will be bad news for tenants because there'll just be less supply," he said.

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Buffet of the banned

CUISINE

Coexistence on the menu as chefs take food fight to Trump



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It's the ultimate taste of the banned at this one Toronto restaurant.

For an entire evening this Thursday, renowned chef Hemant Bhagwani will be serving up an exclusive seven-course feast consisting of most popular dishes from countries targeted by Donald Trump's controversial executive order on immigration.

While the event itself is not a political expression, Bhagwani said he wanted to use food from these countries as a vehicle to spread a message of inclusion and acceptance in time of anti-immigration sentiment here in Canada and across the globe.

"That ban is not just about countries, it's about people whose lives are being negatively affected," he said.

"So I just wanted to bring people together and promote community coexistence through food."

His passion about the topic also comes from personal experience.

Born and raised in India, Bhagwani spent five years in the Middle East, where he learned the ins and outs of



In their own retort to the divisive messages of Donald Trump, chefs Kamleshwar Prasad, left, serves up Chicken Shashlik from Iran while Prem Singh's Syrian specialty is Aleppo Kibbeh. PHOTOS: EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

various cuisines.

Now the owner of the Indian Street Food restaurant near Bayview and Eglinton, he tries to bring food diversity to his clientele.

"Being an immigrant myself, this country has given me a lot and I'm very fortunate and grateful to be here," he said.

While sharing immigrant food experience is a fun way to respond to a serious issue such as the travel ban, Bhag-

wani also sees it as an opportunity to learn about other people's culture and create a sense of togetherness.

He's hoping to turn the event into a regular feature, offering a special menu of immigrant dishes at least once a month.

"We're all everywhere eating immigrant food, and there's industry night, ladies night, marketing night but we never have an immigrant food night," he said.

+ TICKETS + MENU

The event takes place at 1701 Bayview Ave. this Thursday from 7 p.m. Tickets are \$75 each, and Bhagwani will donate \$20 from every ticket purchased to the YMCA Immigrant Service Program.

Items on the menu:

Sambusa from Somalia, Cauliflower and Okra Shawarma from Sudan,

Harissa Baked Fish from Libya, Chicken Shashlik from Iran, Quzi from Iraq, Muhammara and Aleppo Kibbeh from Syria and Bint Al Sahn from Yemen.



Lack of TTC air quality study 'not acceptable': Tory

Mayor John Tory says it's "not acceptable" that the TTC hasn't conducted a major air quality study of the subway system in over two decades, and is calling for "objective experts" to determine whether underground pollution poses health risks for riders and transit employees.

Tory made the comments to reporters on Wednesday morning, a day after the release of a new study that found elevated levels of fine particulate matter in Toronto's subway stations and trains. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Salvation Army head found guilty of fraud

The scheme to siphon off and sell "vast amounts" of donations was masterminded by David Rennie, the former executive director of the Salvation Army donation storage and distribution centre, according to a lengthy court decision released Wednesday. Ontario Court Justice Sandra Bacchus found Rennie guilty of six fraud-related offences. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Library bash marks 40 years

The Biblio Bash takes place Thursday at the Toronto Reference Library, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Every table will have an author, including actress and comedian Mary Walsh whose debut novel, *Crying for the Moon*, was just published. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Two puppies arrive for training as guide dogs

PROGRAM

More coming this year to address shortage



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A new training initiative is looking to address the shortage of guide dogs.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) has launched a puppy raising effort to increase the supply of guide dogs in Toronto, Winnipeg and Halifax. Two puppies have already arrived in Toronto from a certified breeding program in Australia, and more will be coming throughout the year.

CNIB is currently looking for volunteer foster parents who can help raise these puppies until they're at least 12 months old and ready to start formal dog

+ TRAINERS

CNIB has hired two international guide dog training experts to run the program. The first puppies are expected to graduate from the training and be matched with users next year.

guide training.

Expanding the guide dog programs in Canada is an attempt to meet demand, said CNIB's executive director of strategic relations and engagement Diane Bergeron.

"The majority of Canadians who use guide dogs have to go to the United States to get them in a shorter time," she said, noting people can spend two to three years on the waiting list. From a personal experience, it took her only six months to obtain her first guide dog from a school in Michigan. "People want a dog. They just can't continue to wait



Two puppies have already arrived and CNIB is looking for volunteers to act as foster parents until they are old enough to start formal training. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

years and years to get one."

Currently there are a handful of Canadian guide dog training schools, but only about 800

people are active guide dog users — nearly 400,000 Canadians are blind or partially impaired, according to CNIB.

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Insurer helping bring injured woman home



May Warren
Metro | Toronto

A GTA woman left alone in Vietnam with serious injuries after being hit by a car will get some help covering costs for a flight back home from her insurance company after a Metro story about her situation.

Twenty-six-year-old Raquel Christensen was riding a motorbike scooter when she was hit by a car over Easter weekend, breaking her pelvis in two places and fracturing her spine.

The accident left her unable to leave her bed at a hospital near the coastal city of Da Nang.

Her mother Heather Christensen told Metro her daughter had purchased insurance, but only for trip interruption and not medical costs.

The family was left to pay the roughly \$50,000 to cover medical bills and a special emergency flight back to Toronto.

But after inquiries from Metro, Allianz Global Assistance insurance spokesperson Dan Keon said the company has

reconsidered.

"We can confirm that, given the severity of her situation, we have been in touch with Ms. Christensen's family and will help with the cost of her repatriation to Canada," he wrote in an email.

Keon said he couldn't discuss how much they will contribute due to the confidentiality of insurance claims.

Raquel's mother said the company has been in touch but it's not clear the exact amount they will put forward.

Friends, family and even strangers have rallied around Raquel and contributed over \$28,490 through a GoFundMe page to help with the costs.

While the story is still a "cautionary tale" for people to make sure they know exactly what they're covered for under travel insurance, news of the help from the insurance company "is fantastic," said her mother.

"It's a happy ending story." Raquel is already on route to a hospital in North York on a special flight with a stretcher and nurse.

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City votes for TCH changes

HOUSING

Councillors to ban dangerous tenants from reapplying

Councillors voted Wednesday to ask Queen's Park to change legislation to give Toronto Community Housing the discretion to ban a tenant who has been evicted for committing serious crimes.

Currently, social housing providers in Ontario can successfully evict tenants for criminal activity but must accommodate them if they re-apply for a subsidized housing unit.

Not only that, despite the long-waiting list for TCH's 55,000 units, someone kicked out for drug dealing or violence could be considered "disadvantaged" and therefore move to the top of the list.

Mayor John Tory, who put the request on his executive committee agenda last week, said council's move is "a good, solid start."

The mayor's housing task force recommended the change in its interim report released in 2015.

The status quo is a "failing of the law" and refusal to do anything about it "an abdication of our responsibility."

"Right now we have no discretion but to say 'sure come on back,'" Tory told council. "It's time to change the law not to punish those people. It's time to change the law to protect all the other people who live in those buildings."

Despite sending a strong signal with a unanimous vote, Queen's Park has shown little appetite to change the law.

"We would not be supportive of such a measure," a spokeswoman for Ontario's housing ministry wrote in an email earlier this week.

Ontario has a long-standing commitment to tackle homelessness and end chronic homelessness by 2025, and that is "only possible if everyone continues to have access to the supports they need," her email said.

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MATADOR TO RISE AGAIN

Earlier this week, Paul McCaughey was ready to give up on his dream to restore the Matador Ballroom at College and Dovercourt to its former glory.

For seven years he and his brother tried to revive the century-old venue, but the latest zoning rejection from the city was too much for him to take. "It felt like a slap in the face," he told Metro.

But a Wednesday afternoon meeting with councillors Ana Bailao and Mike Layton has him singing a different tune. He's going to sit down with city planners about the re-zoning and ideally find a path to see it reopen.

EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

WILDLIFE

It was a slippery rescue for fat beaver

A fat beaver stuck in a wrought-iron fence was rescued this week by a quick-thinking animal services officer.

The adult beaver, still carrying excess fat from winter hibernation, was found stuck between two fence bars around noon Tuesday on a private property in Hamilton, city spokesperson Ann Lamanes said in a release.

Officer Sarah Mombourquette used soap to free the beaver.

After resting at the city's animal services shelter and snacking on some vegetables, the beaver is recovering at the Hobbitree Wildlife Refuge in Jarvis, Ont., and is expected to eventually be released back into the wild.

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5 SUPERSTITIOUS RAPTORS STATS

With a win Thursday night, the Raptors could move on to the second round. That has fans excited, but there's nervousness too. Will the team disappoint the city? Which Norm Powell will show up? We crunched some very unscientific numbers to create **the superstitious Metro guide** to the Raptors' playoff chances. **DAVID HAINS** METRO

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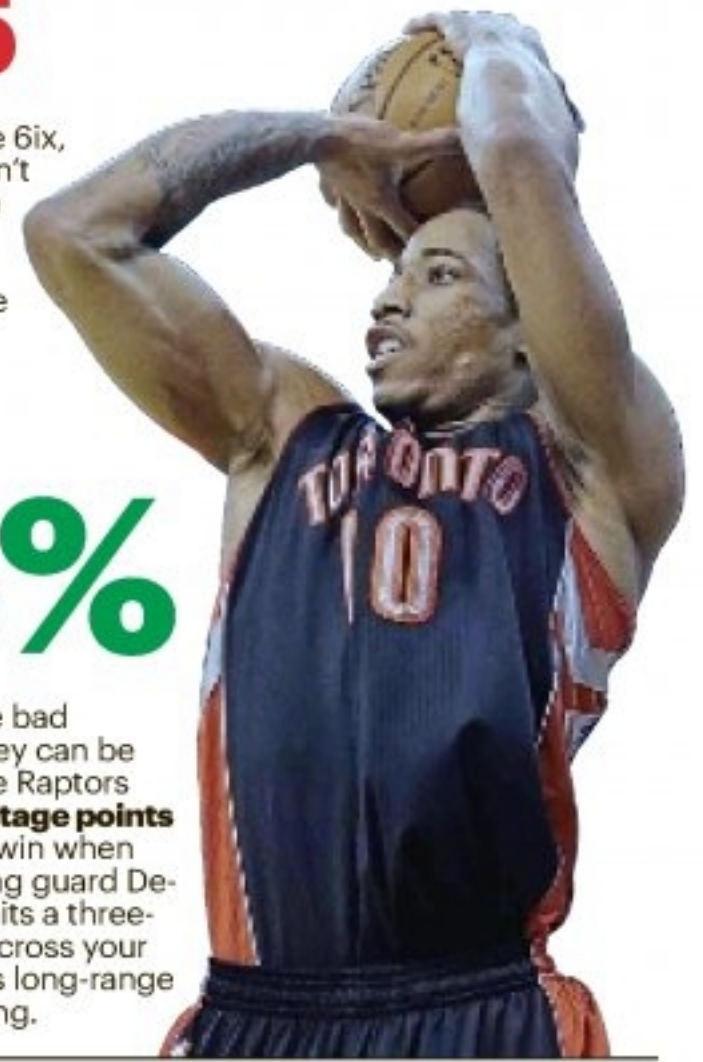
Garfield hates Mondays, and the Raptors hate Thursdays. The team is **13 percentage points less likely to win on Thursdays** than the rest of the week.



GAME 6

1 in 5

Toronto may be the 6ix, but the Raptors don't have the same love for the number. In franchise history, they're **1-5** in Game 6s.



-6%

Over the past three years the Raptors are **six percentage points less likely to win when Leo Rautins does the TV commentary**. Sadly, Leo will announce Game 6.



85%

Raptors fans have had few chances to see Drake this year; he has only showed up to one game. It's a shame, because analysis by the online magazine Torontoist shows the **Raptors win 85 per cent of games after he shows up**. It's the lingering Drake aura, or something.



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Firefighter scales construction site crane to rescue stranded woman

Firefighter Rob Wonfor describes himself as a "bit of a monkey," and on Wednesday morning, those climbing skills came in handy when he rescued a woman perched on a crane high above a downtown construction site.

In a dramatic early-morning scene that played out in front of a fascinated crowd of onlookers both within the city and, online, around the world, Wonfor brought the woman to the ground just before 8:30 a.m., after a 2 1/2 hour rescue operation just

east of the Wellesley subway station, near Church Street.

The woman appeared calm while she was on the crane, sitting with her hands folded in her lap and swinging her feet. When Wonfor got her safely to the ground, she was handcuffed and loaded into an ambulance and taken away.

Marisa Lazo, 23, has been charged with six counts of public mischief, police said Wednesday night. She will remain in police custody until she appears

in court Thursday.

Wonfor told reporters he didn't want to be late for his 11 a.m. hockey game where he plays goalie. In the locker-room, he got a call from Don Cherry.

A woman who says she grew up with Lazo said she remembers Lazo as a climber.

"She just likes to climb things," said the woman, who did not want to be identified. "Me and her used to climb everything when we were children."

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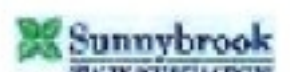
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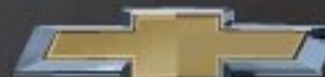
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Canada flees its tax havens

FINANCE

Experts say Panama Papers scrutiny 'may be paying off'

For the first time since 2011, Canadian businesses pulled their money out of tax havens, ending a five-year run when more than \$120 billion was stashed in the 10 most popular low-tax or no-tax countries.

The newly released Statistics Canada numbers provide the most concrete evidence yet that the Panama Papers may have had a chilling effect on the use of tax havens to minimize corporate taxes.

"This could be a sign that global efforts to curb corporate profit shifting to tax havens may be paying off," said Dennis Howlett, executive director of Canadians for Tax Fairness, a group that lobbies for the closure of loopholes that encourage the use of offshore tax havens.

According to the government's official foreign direct

investment statistics, Canadian businesses reduced their holdings in the top 10 tax havens from \$272.4 billion in 2015 to \$261 billion at the end of last year, bringing home \$11.4 billion.

This reversal could be due to a number of different factors, including reforms in Ireland that make it harder to exploit that country to avoid taxes, Howlett said. But investment reductions in Luxembourg and Bermuda point to a wider trend.

"We know that public attention to this has affected calculation of risk, so companies are being more cautious now because of the potential for a public relations backlash," Howlett said.

Allan Lanthier, a retired senior partner at Ernst & Young and former chair of the Canadian Tax Foundation, cautions against reading too much into the numbers, as the majority of the reduction in foreign holdings in 2016 can be attributed to the fact that the Canadian dollar rose against the U.S. dollar, the currency in which most international investments are made.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Plans to replace wood with plastic in the town clock have caused a stir. METRO FILE

HALIFAX

'Cheap' clock fix leaves many ticked off



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

A tender call for work on Halifax's iconic Citadel Hill town clock has upset the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia.

At issue is the plan to replace the clock's wood columns and cornices with fibre reinforced plastic and its wooden windows with aluminum clad windows.

"Basically these are materials that would not have been in the original structure and which will appear very cheap and fake," said Andrew Murphy of the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia.

"It's about respect for our heritage. The town clock would be in the top 20 or 30 iconic buildings in Canada and it's owned by the federal government. You would think that they would want to maintain it in an authentic fashion."

The heritage group sent a letter to Parks Canada officials on Monday. They're requesting specifications for that portion of the project be reviewed and redefined before the contracts are awarded.

The tender closes on May 4. "The federal government is spending very, very many millions on the Parliament buildings at Parliament Hill. Nobody is suggesting there that they replace it with concrete and mactac,"

Murphy said.

"One can always do something cheaper, but whether it's appropriate or not is an entirely different matter...It's an iconic tourism beacon for our region so we should probably make sure it looks good."

A Parks Canada representative returned Metro's call on Wednesday afternoon, but was unable to provide a response to the Heritage Trust's concerns by press time.



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How two forts forged bond amid the panic

Marital bliss lives after the flames die

FORT MCKAY

Community of 1,000 saw its population swell overnight



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Fort McKay First Nation is the sort of sleepy community where birds chirping and dogs barking are what pass for noise pollution — but as Loretta Boucher sat at her desk on a hot May afternoon last year, the town suddenly went “eerily” quiet, she says.

Not long after, the first truck rolled in.

On the day that turned towns all over the province into hosts, Fort McKay, north of Fort McMurray, opened its doors wider than most — over one frantic afternoon, the town’s population swelled to several times its



Loretta Boucher, vice-president of Sakasteew Transportation, jumped into action the night of the fire. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

original size.

The night of the Fort McMurray fire, as many as 5,000 evacuees fleeing fire found refuge in the small community down the road, population just 1,000.

Boucher, vice president of Sakasteew Transportation, jumped into action, and soon

all the buses from her family-owned business were on the road, shuttling people through town, to nearby camps, and out to the airport.

“It was extremely busy, there were people everywhere,” she said. “It was tough. Lots of young families feeling lost, with nothing.”

Boucher said it strengthened the ties between the two neighbouring communities. The town opened the arena, the school and the town office, and there was barely a house not sheltering an evacuee.

Many of the town’s new temporary residents told Boucher they didn’t realize it existed, or if they did know it, they had never visited.

“I’m proud to be from Fort McKay,” she said. “Not only did it show people who we are, but we really came together.”

Maxine Willocks, owner of Fort McMurray café Chez Max, ended up in Fort McKay along with her husband and several staff after being unable to go south to Edmonton.

Before evacuating, Willocks had emptied her restaurant of supplies, and soon she and her cooks were handing out jerk chicken with rice and peas — her signature dish — in Fort McKay.

“They were very welcoming, very warm,” she said.



Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Nearly a year after complete strangers put together a beautiful backyard wedding for Fort McMurray evacuees, Carlos and Carol Moran, the couple still can’t believe the generosity of others in their time of need.

The couple was set to marry May 14, 2016 in Fort McMurray, but when the wildfire engulfed their Beacon Hill neighbourhood, damaging their home, the pair didn’t think the wedding they’d planned would take place.

The Morans fled Fort Mac and headed to Edmonton — where, unbeknownst to them, locals who had heard the couple’s story were planning an impromptu backyard celebration — complete with rings, a dress, flowers, a photographer and a cake — all planned out and organized by local wedding planner Wanda Rowe.

“Married life has been a blessing,” said Carlos.

Carol said they wanted to plan another wedding upon their return home, but said they knew they could never



Carlos and Carol Moran
JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

surpass the experience they’d been gifted in Edmonton. As their anniversary approaches, Carlos said they plan on reaching out or doing something special for all those who made their wedding a success.

A year after the fire, the couple is still living in a small apartment in Fort McMurray. Luckily, a few weeks ago they were able to lease a four-bedroom home for their extended family and their three dogs now have access to a backyard.

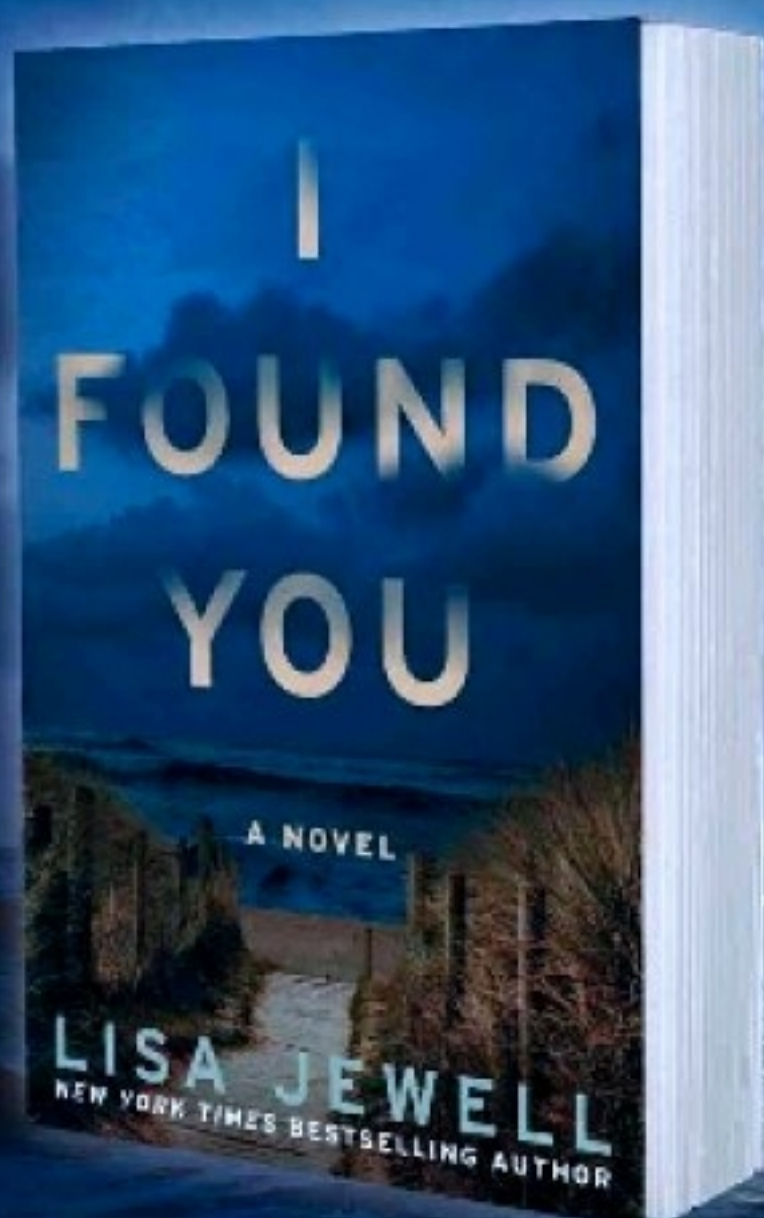
“For the longest time we were going up three, four flights of stairs, four times a day just to take our dogs out,” said Carlos.

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AIRLINES

Giant rabbit's death adds to United woes

United Airlines is reviewing its handling of a giant show-case rabbit that died after being shipped across the Atlantic from Britain on one of its flights, the latest in a growing list of customer complaints.

Distraught breeder Annette Edwards said a veterinarian had checked Simon — a three-foot-long continental rabbit — shortly before he was placed on a United flight from London's Heathrow Airport to Chicago's O'Hare.

Edwards said Simon is the offspring of Darius, which the Guinness World Records lists as the world's longest rabbit at 4 feet 3 inches (1.22 metres).

"Simon had his vet check just before getting on the plane," she said from Worcestershire in central England. "He was fit as a fiddle."

United spokesman Charles Hobart said the rabbit was moving around in its crate and appeared healthy when taken off the plane in O'Hare, waiting to be put on another flight to



Simon, a three-foot-long continental rabbit, died on a United flight. CONTRIBUTED

Kansas City. About a half-hour later, at the company-run pet facility, Simon seemed to be sleeping. Shortly after that, a pet facility employee found the rabbit dead.

"We won't know the cause of death, because we offered to perform a necropsy free of charge ... but the customer didn't want us to perform a necropsy," he said.

United had the second-highest level of animal deaths and injuries of any U.S. airline last year. Only Hawaiian Airlines was worse.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Judge blocks Trump again

IMMIGRATION

President's words used to kill sanctuary cities order

For the third time in two months, a U.S. federal judge has knocked down an immigration order by President Donald Trump and used Trump's own language against him.

In a ruling on Tuesday, U.S. District Judge William Orrick quoted Trump to support his decision to block the president's order to withhold funding from "sanctuary cities" that do not co-operate with U.S. immigration officials.

Trump called the sanctuary cities order a "weapon" against communities that disagree with his preferred immigration policy, Orrick said.

The judge also cited a February interview in which he said the president threatened to cut off funding to California, saying



Protesters rally in San Francisco against President Donald Trump's administrative order to withhold funding from "sanctuary cities." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the state "in many ways is out of control."

The first comment was evidence that the administration intended the executive order to apply broadly to all sorts of federal funding, and not a relatively small pot of grant money

as the Department of Justice had argued, the judge said.

The second statement showed the two California governments that sued to block the order — San Francisco and Santa Clara County — had good reason to believe they would be targeted,

Orrick said.

Trump reacted to the decision on Twitter, calling the decision "ridiculous" and saying he would take his fight to the highest court, tweeting: "See you in the Supreme Court."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

White House mulling NAFTA

The White House is telling U.S. media that it's mulling a notice of withdrawal from NAFTA, applying shock treatment on other negotiations under the threat of having the seminal trade deal obliterated.

Various media say Trump is considering detonating the trade equivalent of a nuclear option: An executive order to withdraw from the trade agreement, which would instill fear in members of Congress, indus-

try and Canadian and Mexican trade negotiators.

The administration has complained lately that American lawmakers are dragging their feet on naming a trade czar and excessively slow in approving the 90-day legal notice to kick off negotiations. It may now stir them to act.

The White House has let it be known, through the Washington Post, Politico, and CNN, that President Donald Trump is

considering an executive order threatening withdrawal, and the New York Times reported late Wednesday that he's actually leaning toward issuing that order. Such a move might appear more dramatic than it actually is.

One trade expert views it as a negotiating tactic - a threat to Congress. "I think he is bluffing," said Canada-U.S. trade lawyer Mark Warner.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON O'LEARY LEAVING THE RACE



Even if he had been fluently bilingual, Kevin O'Leary would still have been a leadership disaster waiting to happen.

Businessman Kevin O'Leary says he is pulling out of the campaign to succeed Stephen Harper because he is not convinced he could carry enough votes in Quebec to beat Justin Trudeau in the 2019 election.

Fair enough. But chances are he would never have had the opportunity to test that proposition in a general election. Or to verify his attending presumption that voters elsewhere in Canada would rally to his flag. Lack of traction in Quebec stood to stop his nascent political career in its tracks as early as next month's Conservative vote.

Polls done for his own organization as the membership drive was coming to an end last month showed that a Quebec wall stood between O'Leary and the finish line. That wall looked insurmountable.

The reality-television star may have been the first choice of a plurality of Conservatives but he had little room to grow beyond that group. In Quebec — the province that counts for the second-highest number of leadership votes — he could not earn the support of more than about one in 10 members.

That this should have come as a surprise to some of the seasoned backroom advisers who backed O'Leary's candidacy is testimony to their powers of collective delusion. There has not been a successful federal leader who could not speak French fluently since Pierre Trudeau won the

Liberal leadership in 1968.

But even if he had been fluently bilingual, O'Leary would still have been a leadership disaster waiting to happen. Up to a point, his shortcomings in French may have been the least of his liabilities — and a saving grace for the Conservative party.

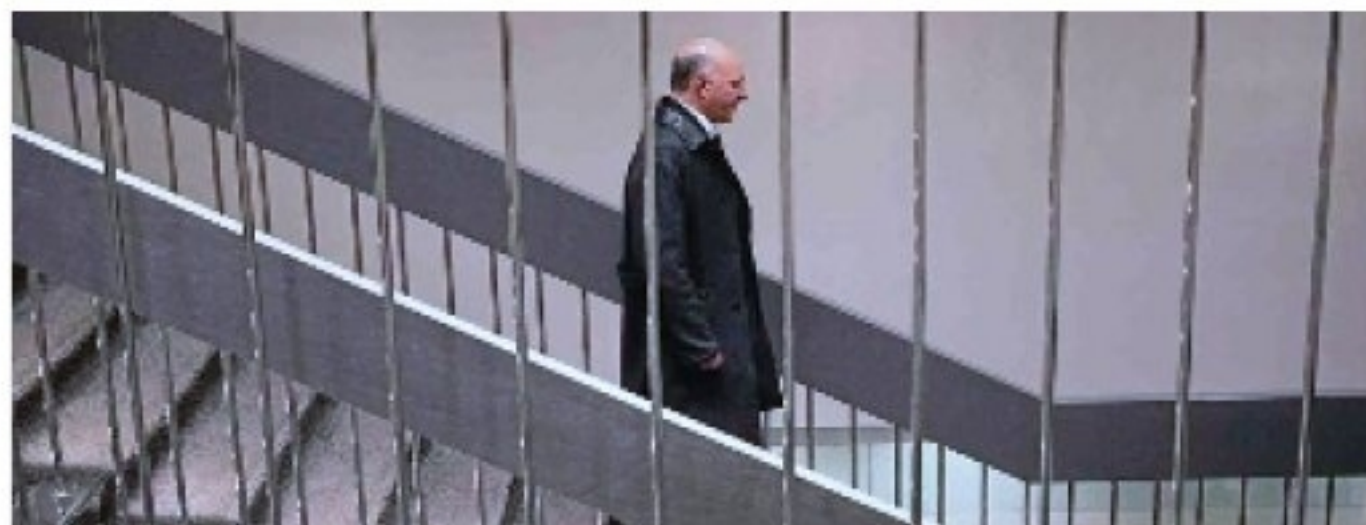
For never has a leading candidate for the leadership of one of Canada's major parties brought so little policy depth to the task of applying

through fiscal blackmail. He seemed to think the division of powers between Ottawa and the provinces was determined by the whims of the prime minister of the day.

Had Quebecers given O'Leary the time of day long enough to fathom his vision of the federation, his support would have fallen to single digits. I can't think of a Conservative premier from Alberta — past or future — who would put up with that

cases though, that relief is tempered by the notion that, in leaving, O'Leary may have cleared a path to victory for Maxime Bernier. His libertarian prescriptions may be as polarizing as O'Leary's persona.

The defunct O'Leary campaign recruited about 35,000 members. He is asking them to throw their support to Bernier. If they did, the result of the May 27 leadership vote would be a foregone conclu-



BOWING OUT Kevin O'Leary's departure from the Conservative leadership race makes the job Maxime Bernier's to lose, writes Chantal Hébert. THE CANADIAN PRESS

for the job of would-be prime minister.

From the moment he entered the campaign, O'Leary consistently exhibited little understanding of the workings of government, the Constitution or for that matter the history of the party he was seeking to lead.

Joe Clark once described his vision of the Canadian federation as a community of communities. It is one of the rare parts of the former Tory prime minister's legacy that has survived his estrangement from the Conservative movement.

By contrast, O'Leary's concept of federalism was one that involved a punitive federal government imposing its will on its provincial partners

approach.

O'Leary was never elected to office and he never seemed to think much of those who had done so, including his future Conservative seatmates.

He let it be known early on that he was unimpressed by the calibre of the people who sit in the Conservative caucus. The feeling was by all accounts mutual. The anybody-but-O'Leary movement was nowhere stronger than within the ranks of the MPs who would have had to serve under his leadership if he had won.

O'Leary's abrupt exit may have saddened more Liberals than actual Conservatives. Many of the latter are relieved that their party has dodged a bullet. In more than a few

sion.

But O'Leary's roots in the party are not deep and nor are those of many of his recently recruited supporters. Absent an organization to prod them into mailing their ballots, some may not bother to vote. A lot of others will follow their own guidance. One or more of his remaining rivals could still give Bernier a run for his money.

Still, there is no denying that as of now Harper's succession could be Bernier's to lose. As opposed to O'Leary, he does have a Quebec ace of sorts up his sleeve.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

Pope Francis fails to bring the thunder in TED Talk



Vicky Mochama
Metro

Now that everyone is a thought leader, even the Pope is getting in on the inspirational slide-show business.

This week he gave a pre-recorded talk at the annual TED Conference in Vancouver.

It's a shrewd move for the Pope to join the think-fluencer crowd. Last week, Metro reported that more and more religious groups are getting into the digital game, from a church that live-streams its services to an American imam who is popular on Snapchat.

Ex-Pope Benedict XVI joined Twitter in 2013, but the Vatican has since expanded their social-media outreach. Pope Francis joined Instagram last year, which he announced by tweeting, "I am beginning a new journey, on Instagram, to walk with you along the path of mercy and the tenderness of God." It's mostly inspirational quotes and sunsets, but sure, same difference.

Speaking as someone who once took a nap after the arduous journey of picking an Instagram filter, I'm a little embarrassed that Pope Francis is better at this than I am. I still think, however, that he could do more.

If he really wants to reach out to diverse audiences, how about a mix tape? I can see it already: Pope Francis presents "What A Time To Be A Believer" with tracks

like Big Rings (For Kissing) and a freestyle Latin Mass. While he has already released a progressive rock album (yes, really), I think he could get more mileage from a collab with DJ Khaled.

Because, let's be honest: the Pope's TED Talk was underwhelming.

TED Talks are all about show-stopper moments — cool science or key data points or emotional life stories — and this is the man who has an advantage over everyone. Instead of being a senior researcher who is trying to talk about visually resonant statistics and make people cry, the Pope has GOD.

The God I remember from vacation bible school — I had a thrilling childhood — doesn't do anything less than a full Las Vegas show.

And in the 18-minute-long speech, not once does he call upon the greatest magician's assistant one could have. He just chills behind a desk and asks us all to be better people. To whom do I have to pray in order to get a talking burning bush?

For example, in his TED Talk, he spoke directly to powerful people: "The more powerful you are, the more your actions will have an impact on people, the more you are called to be humble. If you don't, your power will ruin you, and you will ruin others."

It's all good and well to tell people about humility but, in my humble opinion (See, I learned), a thunderbolt would have ensured that the message struck the audience.

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Rainbows help deal with loss

SOCIAL MEDIA

Photos prompt discussion of miscarriages, stillbirth

In the photo, Zoe is sleeping, like newborn babies do.

It looks like any other baby photo, but there's a special message. The newborn is draped in a multicolour blanket, to signify this is a "rainbow baby" — one that followed the storm of a miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death.

"She's such a bright spot in the middle of the grey clouds," said Zoe's mom, Olympia Grigg.

"Rainbow baby" is a new way of talking about an old phenomenon countless women have experienced: pregnancy after loss. Though there's still little public discussion of miscarriage and stillbirth, experts say sharing rainbow baby images, especially on social media, may help parents cope with complex emotions many encounter when a new pregnancy follows a past heartbreak.

After 22 weeks of pregnancy with her third child, a son already named Jacob, Grigg went into early labour. At a normal checkup in June 2015, Jacob had a heartbeat. Several hours later he did not. Jacob was stillborn.

After she delivered Jacob, she

and her husband left the hospital empty-handed, through a busy maternity ward where other families were celebrating.

"It was the worst walk I've ever taken," Grigg said. "I don't think anything that traumatic ever leaves you."

At nearly five months along, Grigg had been showing and everyone in her life knew she was pregnant. She had to explain to her two young sons there was no longer a baby in her belly.

The Grade 2/3 teacher became pregnant again in April 2016 but instead of just feeling elation, she held her breath. It was only when Zoe was born healthy could she exhale, said Grigg, 35. She asked her friend Joelle Mahepath, a newborn photographer, to take a few rainbow photos.

The image now hangs prominently on a living room wall. She likes talking about Jacob, though secrecy and silence still surrounds pregnancy loss, Grigg said.

"I remember thinking, 'I don't know anyone this has happened to,'" she said. When she posted her sad news on Facebook, she received private messages from friends who had also miscarried but never discussed it.

Maternal mental health expert Dr. Simone Vigod, psychiatrist lead of the reproductive life stages program at Women's College Hospital, said labeling a "rainbow baby" can be a way to make a loss a more visible one.

"If it helps people get the support they need, to feel validated, or helps articulate their feelings, that may help with coping."

Miscarriage is often treated as a routine occurrence and some women feel they can't talk about it or openly grieve, said Dr. Gail Robinson, professor of psychiatry and obstetrics/gynecology at the University of Toronto and director of the women's mental health program for the University Health Network.

Conventional wisdom dictates not divulging a pregnancy until after 12 weeks, so family and friends may not know a baby was expected at all.

"It's often difficult to get sympathy," Robinson said. With pregnancy after a loss, complicated emotions may be running high: grief, anxiety about getting pregnant again, fears of losing another baby, happiness, relief, guilt.

The term "rainbow baby" hints at the mix.

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1 in 5

According to the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, miscarriage occurs in up to one in five pregnancies. Stillbirths are rarer, at less than one per cent of live births.



Some parents drape newborns in multicolour blankets or clothing to signify this is a "rainbow baby" — one that followed the storm of a miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death. CONTRIBUTED

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AWARENESS

Millennials lead charge in organ registrations, but is it enough?



Joe Callaghan
Metro Canada

Just a nudge in the right direction. That's what Canadian organ donation advocates and experts are banking on as they highlight and ramp up the country's efforts to catch up with the world's leading nations.

This week marks the 20th anniversary of National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week, and while the country has made major strides in that time, it still has significant ground to make up on the likes of world leader Spain. Nationally, less than one fifth of eligible Canadians are registered as organ donors; in Spain, the rate is over double that. However, Canada's lagging status doesn't reflect the mood nationally. Not even close.

Nicole Robitaille, a behavioural scientist and assistant professor at Queen's University, was part of a recent study into the area. At the outset, she too was taken aback by the disconnect between the country's feelings on organ donation and our actions.

"What's surprising in Canada is the low registration rates but the really large support rates nationally for organ donation," explains Robitaille. "The vast majority of Canadians support organ donation — around 95 per cent. But less than 20 per cent countrywide are registered."

While some provinces like Ontario, B.C. and Quebec are narrowing that gap, others like Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia have been slower to see success.

Millions of Canadians believe they're signed up when they're

not, which is why the theme of the week is to check.

Last year, Ontario had a 30 per cent increase in the number of deceased organ donors and saved more lives in one year than ever before.

"We have seen some sweeping changes — 31 per cent of the eligible population (are registered)," says Ronnie Gavsie, CEO of Trillium Gift of Life Network, the province's organ and tissue donation agency. "We yearn to see it at or over 50 per cent. The rate has almost doubled since 2008. That's a pretty spectacular projection. But that's Ontario — we're not at that level across the country."

Gavsie lauded the influence of millennials who are embracing organ donation quicker than their predecessors.

"From our own data, most of the people who are now registering in Ontario are making that choice in their 20s or 30s. That speaks to the fact that millennials are very open to the idea of organ donation," says Gavsie.

"They are ... committed to improving the world around them. But they are also great influencers. We hear from them, their families hear from them, they are quite demonstrative. They are informing and educating the rest of the public."

Robitaille's team's study, in conjunction with the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management and the Ontario government's behavioural insights unit, proved how small nudges can make a big difference.

While online donor registration has been simplified, the process at the DMV, still the location where 85 per cent of donors sign up, hadn't been streamlined.

The research team introduced simpler forms, more advance time to weigh up the decision and behavioral nudges with questions like 'If you need a transplant would you have one?' They more than doubled registration rates as a result.



Maria-Jose Bouey, 29, says she can't thank her cousin and her mother enough for stepping up to donate organs. When the kidney she got from her mom failed after 10 years, Mauricio, then in his mid-30s, offered his own through a donor exchange. Bouey has been able to live "a very full life" as a result. CONTRIBUTED

+ TRIALS OF AN ORGAN RECIPIENT

Genna Buck
Metro Canada



Maria-Jose Bouey had a unique way of getting conversation going about organ donation — a topic she says is surrounded by too much misconception and stigma.

"I'd get in a cab and people would ask 'Do you want the receipt?' and I'd say 'No, but can I have a kidney?'" Bouey, 29, said. "I would say it jokingly, sarcastically, but also trying to raise awareness, because immediately that conversation comes up."

Icky medical conversations are second nature to Bouey, who, since being born with multiple organ abnormalities, has endured more than 60 major operations, including ostomy surgery, spinal surgery and two kidney transplants. The first was in 2001, when her mother gave her a kidney. That organ "worked beautifully" for about 10 years, but eventually failed, leaving Bouey tethered to an "emotionally and physically draining" dialysis machine for several hours three days a week.

Luckily, her cousin Mauricio Bouey, then in his mid-30s, stepped up to offer his kidney. The match wasn't ideal. Yet the transplant was able to go ahead in January 2013, thanks to the innovation of a living donor paired exchange. That's when loved ones who want to give a kidney, but aren't a match, donate an organ and swap with someone who is.

In this case it was a remarkably long chain of eight donors and eight recipients, which Bouey calls her "group of angels."

Bouey struggles to express her gratitude to Mauricio, her mother, and all the donors who participated. "It brings me to tears at any point when I talk about it," she said. "That selflessness is unexplainable."

Living dialysis-free has allowed her to work full-time, plan her upcoming trip to Iceland and serve as the president of a charity.

"I've been able to live a very full life ... a life that you only dream of living when you're ill," she said.

And she still finds time to educate her peers and the broader community about organ donation. "There's a huge lack of education on what organ donation entails and how to sign up to be an organ donor," she said. "It's something super basic. Why aren't we pushing it?"

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Inspired by her own DNA test, Claire Cameron has been captured by similarities between us and Neanderthals. She even sees childbirth as something "primal and raw as it was 40,000 years ago." CONTRIBUTED

Neanderthals, our ancestors

BOOKS

Our hunched, hairy cousins are a lot like us in new book

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



When Toronto author Claire Cameron took a DNA test designed to identify a person's ancient ancestry, she discovered that she is 2.5 per cent Neanderthal. The Toronto author was a little disappointed, as she had hoped for 4 per cent, the highest average trace of the DNA generally found in humans.

Although the last Neanderthals walked the Earth 40,000 years ago, the common belief for the past 150 years was that Homo sapiens killed off our hunched, hairy cousins, and there was certainly no comingling or sex involved. That is, until 2010, when a group of microbiologists led a project to sequence the Neanderthal genome, and discovered that indeed, the two groups had interbred.

Although scientists refused to speculate about how these relationships came to be, it fuelled Cameron's imagination.

"It was frustrating because you could see there was this big juicy story there," she says.

"How the two groups could make contact, and under what conditions would they make contact without killing each other on sight?" Cameron realized that answering her hypothetical question would require a great deal of study, and so she spent five years scouring textbooks and any other materials she could find.

Her new novel, *The Last Neanderthal*, follows two narratives, set 40,000 years apart. There's Girl, the eldest daughter in a small matriarchal group led by Big Mother. A skilled hunter with a nurturing instinct, Girl is focused on survival for her family.

The second narrative follows pregnant archaeologist Rosamund Gale, who is leading an excavation in France where she discovered Homo sapiens and Neanderthal bones together within an intimate proximity. Rose, facing the physical deadline of pregnancy and pressures from her museum employers, becomes obsessed with finishing the dig before giving birth.

"I'm using the modern story to comment on how we have definitely made advances, but we've also put women who are trying to survive and feed themselves by making money in a difficult position," says the self-declared feminist. "When you contrast that to ancient times, you can see that this is a choice, rather than something that's inevitable because of our biology."



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Dear White People is a study in nuance

THE SHOW: *Dear White People*, S1, E4
THE MOMENT: The intersection

As freshmen at their posh, mostly white university, Samantha (Logan Browning) and Coco (Antoinette Robertson) bonded over jokes: what they'd like to say to white people. Then Sam joined the Black Students Union, while Coco pledged a sorority. That tension explodes after Sam (who is

biracial) accuses Coco of "overdrawing your bank account for that weave."

"You're the girl who didn't learn she was black until Beth Wheeler left you out of her second-grade sleepover because you'd be 'the only one,'" Coco says. "But with me, there is no confusion. People take one look at my skin and assume I'm poor or uneducated or ratched. So yeah, I tone it down. Make my-

self more palatable. What's so wrong with that?"

"Dear White People, you made me hate myself as a kid, so now I hate you and that's my secret shame," Coco accuses Sam.

"Dear White People, if you wanted to demoralize us with your European beauty standards, mission accomplished," Sam counters.

The Internet haters who perceived this series as one long

scolding could not be more wrong. It's a study of endless nuance. Yes, it addresses white privilege because it addresses everything: how hue affects perception; the politics of interracial dating, and so on.

The show streams on Netflix.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



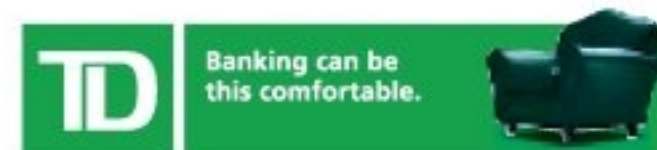
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Geranium's first mid-rise development

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Pace on Main is a boutique condominium building in the heart of Stouffville's lively downtown that's within walking distance of this growing community's many amenities. It is also Geranium's first mid-rise condo, featuring a brick and stone facade and unique window treatments.

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Government actions need to address supply

OPINION

Ontario not getting to root of issues in the housing crisis

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada



While we are glad that the Ontario government has finally taken some action on our housing crisis in the Greater Toronto Area, something we have been urging for many months, it is unfortunate that they are not doing enough to address the underlying causes of our housing supply problems.

The measures announced by the government are largely aimed at addressing the symptoms of our housing problems. They do little to address the issue that not enough new housing — and not the right mix of housing — is being built to keep up with consumer demand or the housing needs of this region.

The supply of new housing is critical to the overall health of the housing market. The only way you create more homes is to build them and since this is a fast growing region we need to build a lot of them.

BILD has been tracking the status of new housing supply consistently for more than 15 years and what we have seen in recent years is a scary drop in inventory with each month bringing a new record low for available supply.

Over the past year we have seen supply drop in half. The number of new homes available to buyers in builder inventories dropped from 21,006 at the



Premier Kathleen Wynne speaking about the Fair Housing Plan in Toronto, joined by Finance Minister Charles Sousa, left, and Housing Minister Chris Ballard, right. THE CANADIAN PRESS

end of March 2016 to 10,153 homes last month, to according to Altus Group, BILD's official source for new-home market intelligence.

The ongoing decline in new housing inventory is a direct reflection of how difficult it is for the industry to bring product to the market. There were few tangible measures in the government's plan to deal with the many systematic barriers currently limiting supply such as the excessive red tape around approvals and getting permits, out-of-date zoning bylaws, and the lack of infrastructure needed to make land developable.

Moreover, the government's plan does little to deal with

or even acknowledge that a critical root cause of our current housing challenges is the disconnect between market demand for low-rise single family homes and the province's policies requiring higher density development.

The industry is following the province's intensification policy and we are building and selling far fewer low-rise homes, which includes detached, semi-detached and townhomes, than we were a decade ago, but demand for those homes has not dropped.

The available supply of single-family low-rise homes has taken a nosedive since intensification policy was introduced in 2006.

There were only 932 new low-rise homes available to buyers in builder inventories at the end of March, whereas a decade ago there were 17,854 available.

The story the inventory numbers are telling is very clear. Not enough new housing and not the right mix of housing is being built to keep up with consumer demand or our housing needs.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Advice for foreign buyers facing a new tax

Jeffrey Cowan
For Metro Canada



Q: I purchased a pre-build condo about four years ago and then I moved to the United Kingdom for work.

I have now declared myself non-resident so I don't have to file Canadian income tax but I understand that the Ontario government has just declared a non-resident speculation tax of an additional 15 per cent. Honestly, I cannot afford

the property if I have to pay an additional 15 per cent on top of the original purchase price. Is there anything I can do?

A: The non-resident speculation tax was introduced by the Ontario government to hopefully address the housing prices in the Greater Toronto Area that are spiraling out of control. This was done in British Columbia a year ago and was successful in slowing down the market.

It remains to be seen if foreign speculation is as large a component of the market in

Ontario.

Regardless, if you had a firm unconditional sales agreement to purchase real estate in Ontario prior to the introduction of this provision, you are 'grandfathered' in and will not be subject to the tax.

Interestingly enough though, the government has prohibited the 'assignment' of these agreements so foreign buyers will actually have to close on their purchases before then can turn around and sell them: thereby reducing the possibility of price speculation.



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Experiencing frustrations in renovating a spare room into a nursery has first-time homeowner Matthew Chung hoping his baby gets the DIY gene he's missing. MARCUS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Baby, don't say your daddy never did anything for you

Fresh challenges —and fears — await Matthew Chung with the remodeling of a spare room. This DIY dad has taken on the task of converting a guest space into a home nursery before his expectant wife gives birth to their first born. **MATTHEW CHUNG/LIFE@METRONOVS.CA**

I'll be getting this child a toy tool set. This I solemnly swore to myself (in between other swearing) while struggling to install a new light fixture in what will soon be the nursery for me and my wife's first child.

Hopefully, impossibly, this baby girl or boy will be born with the DIY gene their dad is lacking.

For the past two years I've been working on making my east Toronto fixer-upper into a home my wife and I can be proud to live in. There's still much to do, but in that time I've gone from feeling incompetent to somewhat comfortable doing renovations.

Of course, just as I've started feeling more at ease with one challenge, those old feelings of self doubt and, frankly, fear of the unknown have returned as I prepare for my next "project" of raising a child.

Any day now, we will be bringing a little person home

with us and I have a feeling that my usual reno tactic of watching YouTube videos won't cut it when caring for a living, breathing human.

First though, I had the more familiar task of trying to remodel the spare room into a nursery. Here I was reminded that even things I thought I'd figured out could pose a fresh challenge. For instance, that light fixture I found myself struggling with was the fourth fixture I've replaced.

I'd removed the existing one (a square bit of slightly curved, frosted glass that lit the room poorly) and found myself eye-to-eye with the previous owner's

handiwork.

The fixture's junction box jiggled from side to side inside the ceiling and I realized it was secured on one end to a beam by a single screw. Not for the first time, I shook my head and wondered, "Why did they do it that way?" And not for the first time, I would soon realize the next owners of this house will likely be asking themselves the same question about me.

Still, I imagined this would be a simple task. But I hadn't paid proper attention when removing that old junction box and I struggled to thread the screws through two just-too-small holes. I even tried to force

the screws with a power drill but succeeded only in stripping them.

Belatedly, I realized I could feed the screws through wider, oval-shaped holes. Once I figured that out (and bought new screws), it got easier and the fixture was light enough that I could hold it in one hand and attach the wires with the other. Baby steps, I suppose.

Our other minor concern was the nursery's door, which was catching on the doorjamb and making loud popping noises. I consulted Google for a solution and decided to use a wood-shaping hand plane tool to shave down the corner of the door.

I'm pretty sure the tutorials envisioned the door lying flat on a workbench, but I wanted a quick fix. So I stood atop a stepladder and, holding the door with one hand, tried to slice away layers of wood with the other.

This proved tricky, as the plane kept catching on the wood. I had to resort to using the coarsest sandpaper I could find in our basement to sand the door furiously until the door latched with the softest of pops.

Luckily, we had some things done in advance. My wife had painted the room a neutral yellow more than a year ago and a few months ago we'd built

the light-grey crib together, as she was six months pregnant and getting up and down from the floor wasn't as much of a challenge for her.

My last contribution was painting a chestnut brown dresser a matching grey last month so it could be used as a change table/dresser stocked full of onesies. I moved the dresser outside and with a small roller, small hand brush and artist's brush, surprised myself by doing a half-decent job. My wife later added white and grey decals to the front drawers and hung a bit of wall art above it.

Now their room is ready when they are. As for the parents-to-be, we're as ready as we can be. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Last week, Matthew Chung, 34, became the proud father of a healthy baby girl. A communications manager living in — and renovating — his first home, you can follow his progress on Instagram @mjchung.

Stress test your mortgage

FINANCIAL FITNESS

Know how rate changes could impact your budget and overall lifestyle

Camilla Cornell

Last summer, with a baby on the way, Andrew Thompson and Marie-Andrée Furlong of Victoria, B.C., began looking for a home. "We were in an 18-and-over condo building," says Thompson. "And although I know that's kind of unenforceable, I didn't want to be in a legal battle with my neighbours."

But neither did the couple want to bite off more than they could chew. They were determined to put at least 20 per cent down on their mortgage so they could pay it down over 30 years, if necessary, and avoid the CMHC (Canadian Mortgage Housing Corp.) insurance fees for a high-ratio mortgage.

"The plan is to pay it down as aggressively as possible," says Thompson. "But we'd like to have a life and raise our kid on something other than cat food," Thompson says. "And you never know what will happen in future."

The upshot: instead of buying in central Victoria, the couple chose a property just

outside the city in Saanich "where the market wasn't quite so hot." Their son Arlo (born a month ago) will have a backyard and even a tree house. And, even if interest rates go up, or one of them experiences a job change, Thompson and Furlong will have payments they know they can afford.

It's a wise approach, says Wade Stayzer, vice-president sales and service with Meridian Credit Union in St. Catharines, Ont. Under new rules introduced last fall, new homebuyers, who are required to get CMHC insurance, must stress test their mortgages — essentially qualifying at an interest rate about 2 per cent higher than what is available on the market. The rules are intended to ensure that if mortgage rates rise, homeowners won't be forced to default.

But although the rules only apply to high-ratio mortgages (when you have less than a

20 per cent down payment), Stayzer says stress testing your mortgage is a wise tactic for pretty much any homebuyer. He suggests using Meridian's online mortgage calculator to test "how your mortgage would react to a 1 or 2 per cent change in interest rates and what impact that would have on your lifestyle and your financial fitness."

Regardless of how much a lender is willing to loan, says Stayzer, you should have a firm grasp on your budget and what you can really afford. "On top of your mortgage payment, there are a whole lot of other expenses associated with home ownership, from closing costs to property taxes, landscaping and maintenance costs," he says. "You don't want to be so house poor you can't furnish your house and you can't do anything else but stay home."

You should also have access to either emergency funds or a line-of-credit in case there's a change in your income. "Ask yourself questions like: 'If I'm on mat leave for a year on a reduced income, what impact does that have?'" Stayzer suggests.

Finally, protect your asset with mortgage insurance or cheap-term life insurance. "The last thing you want your family to have to deal with if you're no longer on this earth is where they're going to live," says Stayzer. "Even if you're young, you never know what will happen tomorrow."



You don't want to be so house poor you can't furnish your house and you can't do anything else but stay home

Wade Stayzer, Meridian Credit Union



Andrew Thompson and Marie-Andrée Furlong of Victoria, B.C., moved from a Victoria condo to a property just outside of the city to provide a house with a backyard for their newborn son, Arlo. CONTRIBUTED

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Be prepared for builder mortgages

FINANCING

Building a home very different from buying one

Kristen Thompson

After owning two homes in Ontario and B.C., we thought we were 'in the know' on the mortgage process. Then we found our dream property on an unfinished lot in Kelowna, listed the home we owned for sale, and quickly learned that the mortgage we needed to build a house was very different than the mortgage we needed to buy one.

"With the real estate market being so hot, more and more people are considering ... building new homes as an alternative to jumping into the market," says Rob Regan-Pollock, president of the Mortgage Brokers Institute of B.C. and an educator for the Canadian Mortgage Brokers Association.

"As ideal as this idea sounds to intrepid do-it-yourselfers, there are important considerations when it comes to financing the building of your dream home."

The first thing to understand is that builder mortgages come with more stringent lender qualifications, because lenders face additional risks including a longer time horizon during the build (where market values can fall), general liability, cost overruns, and that the lender only



Kristen Thompson and family found a dream property on an unfinished lot in Kelowna, and built a home from there. CONTRIBUTED

has a partially completed home as collateral security.

Down payment: The fundamental difference between a standard and a builder mortgage is the down payment.

"Builder mortgages are advanced in stages throughout the building process," says Regan-Pollock, adding that they typically require a minimum of 35 per cent down on the value of the lot. "This means ... 35

per cent of the land and building costs need to be set aside as down payment, rather than the minimum 5 per cent down for purchases of existing homes valued under \$1 million."

Lenders also want to ensure that you have sufficient funds to get your build to 'lock-up', which is when the roof, doors and windows are installed.

What if I have an existing mortgage?: The ability to port

a mortgage into a build depends entirely on whether your current lender offers builder mortgages, says Regan-Pollock.

"Most deposit-taking lenders, such as chartered banks, offer builder mortgages. In such cases, it's possible that your existing mortgage can be rolled into a separate tier under a builder mortgage program. If a build is planned, it's important to mention this at time of purchase, as penalties will apply to break

your mortgage if you cannot port it into a builder mortgage."

Penalties, which include having to pay three months interest on an outstanding balance, occur on closed mortgage contracts, adds Regan-Pollock.

It may also be possible to refinance your current home to access a down payment, and concurrently qualify for a new builder mortgage, but this depends on your resources and location.

"In this case we suggest a builder mortgage be arranged, and when the build is nearing completion, the old home is sold, and the mortgage be ported to the new home to save penalties."

What are the terms of a builder's mortgage?: The terms of builder's mortgages vary depending on the lender, says Regan-Pollock.

"What is common to all lenders is the rate of interest during construction is almost always based on Prime plus basis, depending on risk," he says. "Risk premiums vary between a 1 per cent to 3 per cent added to Prime."

During the construction process, applicants' minimum payments will be the interest.

Final words of advice: "Retain a good mortgage broker familiar with the nuances of builder mortgages," says Regan-Pollock. "Most acquisition and builds can take anywhere from one to two years, so having the right team who can assist at the relational versus transactional level is key."

A good mortgage broker could have helped lead our family down that road, explaining the different options available for moving from one type of mortgage to another.

Though, now complete, my husband likes to tell people this is our forever home, if it doesn't pan out to be, at least we know how to move forward if we ever want to build again, and maybe next time we'll hire a broker.

The long and short of it: a look at long-term vs. short-term mortgages

Interest rates have nowhere to go but up. No doubt you've heard that line if you've bought a home or had to renew your mortgage at some point in the past decade.

Most homeowners in Canada prefer fixed-rate terms for predictability and peace of mind, with five-year terms being the most popular.

For those looking for greater protection against (eventual) rising interest rates, a longer term may be worth a look. A 10-year fixed rate mortgage today can be had for as low as 3.69 per cent.

Another reason to consider a longer mortgage term: a safeguard against the possibility of a housing crash. What happens if prices fall 20 per cent or more in the next few years, wiping away your home equity before it's time to renew?

A 10-year term, while more expensive than a shorter term, does offer a double-dose of protection in case prices fall or

interest rates rise substantially.

Certified financial planner Ed Rempel doesn't buy the safety argument, saying that the risk of rising interest rates is "hugely exaggerated" in the media and by the mortgage industry.

"Long mortgage terms are marketed as 'insurance' to protect against a possible rise in interest rates. But most people are not good at math and don't take into account the extremely low odds of a large rise, plus the huge cost of the insurance," says Rempel.

A five-year fixed rate mortgage costs around 2.64 per cent today, while a two-year fixed comes in at 2.29 per cent. Rempel says the difference doesn't sound like much, but on a \$300,000 mortgage this 0.35 per cent premium costs \$2,100 after tax for the first two years.

"This is expensive insurance to protect against a highly unlikely event," he says.

If long-term mortgages offer peace of mind (for a premium), a short-term mortgage — such as a one-or-two-year term — gives homeowners the opportunity to save money in exchange for a bit of uncertainty when it comes to future interest rates.

With a one-year term, for example, homeowners get more flexibility because they can renew their mortgage in 12 months instead of in three to five years. At that time they can renew into another one-year term, lock-in to a longer-term fixed term, or take a variable rate at presumably a better discount than today.

Those who opt for a one-year fixed rate can also lock-in their renewal rate in just six to nine months — they don't have to wait a full year.

So why don't more homeowners choose a one-year term? According to data from Mortgage Professionals Canada, just one in 16 borrow-

ers take a one-year fixed rate mortgage.

Rempel says that's because people don't want the headache of renegotiating every 12 months. But it could be a mistake to give up that negotiating power, he suggests.

"From a financial planning perspective, I find that most people can benefit from some type of refinancing every two years," he says. **ROBB ENGEN**

+ BOTTOM LINE

Despite its popularity, the five-year fixed rate could be the least advantageous term for borrowers. Those looking to save the most money year-over-year may consider a short term of one-or-two years, while homeowners looking for maximum peace of mind could find comfort in a 10-year mortgage term.



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Buy first and then sell? Or vice versa?

SOLUTIONS

The ins and outs of simultaneously buying and selling a home

Camilla Cornell

Ottawa urban planner Lisa Dalla Rosa, 36, had been a condo owner for six years when she made the decision to upgrade to a house. "I wanted a yard and a barbecue," she says. "Taking on a house was like growing up a little bit more."

So, just over a year ago, she bought an older three-bedroom with modern finishes. "It's still sort of downtown, but with a little more space," she says. The only problem: when Dalla Rosa put her condo up for sale, there were few bites. "And the people who were biting were offering way less than I was

willing to sell it for," she says.

Dalla Rosa hadn't realized the condo market in Ottawa was "a bit soft." And that, she admits, caused her a lot of stress. Before making the decision to buy a new property and sell your old digs at the same time, she advises, "look into the market value of your home and understand how long similar properties have been on the market."

Saskatoon real estate agent Caroline Jacobucci agrees. There are "an abundance of properties" on the market in the Saskatoon area, she says. "So we always recommend that people sell their home first before shopping for another." And yet, in a seller's market like Toronto or Vancouver, waiting to buy until you've sold your previous home might not work. Bidding wars make it less likely you'll get the property you want at the price you're willing to pay. In that case, it might make more sense to buy first, and then sell your old home.



While looking to purchase a new property, Ottawa urban planner Lisa Dalla Rosa was struggling to sell her condo.

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The type of property you're selling might impact your decision as well. "If clients have a condo to sell and they want

to buy a house, that is trickier," says Jacobucci. "Our condo market here is a bit saturated. We tell our clients to count on

Look into the market value of your home and understand how long similar properties have been on the market

Lisa Dalla Rosa, Ottawa urban planner

three to six months to sell."

Making your offer to purchase the new home "conditional" on the successful sale of the old one may ensure you're not stuck with two properties if you buy first. But, Jacobucci points out; you also risk losing the house you want, as sellers are more apt to go with a "firm" offer — or one without conditions.

Timing closing dates when you're both buying and selling can be a delicate dance as well. Ideally, you'd be able to move out of the old property and into the new one simultaneously, but in reality that can be difficult to orchestrate. "You don't want your client to be homeless," says Jacobucci.

Some buyers cope by arranging interim financing — also

known as a bridge loan — to help them carry both properties until the sale of their previous home closes. Others may have to put furniture in storage and find a place to live until they can take possession of the new property.

Still others, like Dalla Rosa, come up with their own solutions. Unwilling to take less than market value for her condo, she ultimately kept both properties and now rents the condo to cover expenses.

"From a mortgage perspective, I definitely stretched myself," she says. But although she's not making any money by renting it out, ultimately she says, "someone is paying my mortgage down and in the end, I'll still have that property, as well as the house."

What to do with mortgage gap?



The mortgage gap is the difference between what you will pay and what you must prove you can afford to pay. ISTOCK

Ottawa's decision to tighten mortgage rules last year has created a gap that is affecting a lot of people, especially first-time homebuyers. Introduced by the federal government as a cushion for homebuyers when the rates start to climb, the so-called 'mortgage gap' is the difference between the lower current mort-

gage rate offered by banks and the much higher Bank of Canada posted rate for a five-year fixed mortgage based on which consumers must qualify, as new rules stipulate.

In other words, it's the gap between what you will to pay and what you must prove you can afford to pay. The difference

between the two is significant, which means some consumers, despite being able to pay at the real rate, may not qualify for the mortgage at the higher rate. On the other hand, those who do qualify will then need to plan out how best to use their leftover money once the real rate is factored in.

So what are homebuyers to do? Clay Gillespie, a financial advisor at Rogers Group Financial, in Vancouver, B.C., recommends buyers do some scenario testing when considering their mortgage options. "You should always look at what your mortgage payments would look like if interest rates climbed," he says.

"The mistake most people make is that they buy the house that they can afford with no wiggle room, so when interest rates go up, the only option they have is to increase the amortization period."

This, he adds, takes much longer to pay their house off and costs a great deal more money in interest.

Cory Papineau, a Winnipeg-based financial advisor, expressed similar sentiments. The government-mandated use of a standardized rate for all mortgage approvals is a good thing as it builds a cushion should rates rise during a borrower's mortgage term, he says.

"Many borrowers may not think (a) rising rate is a possibility, but even a small increase on a large mortgage will chew into your bank account," says Papineau. "Also, calculations that help determine your mortgage debt capacity don't capture all financial obligations — cell phones, daycare expenses, food, home repairs — so a buffer helps [ensure] borrowers have the capacity to face expected and unexpected expenses."

The other positive, says Papineau, is the leftover money, resulting from the gap, which approved homebuyers may be able to invest or stock away. Here's how the math works.

The current rate that mortgage applicants must qualify for

is 4.64 per cent. That means a payment of \$2,773 on a \$500,000 mortgage is what a borrower must have the capacity for, with a 5 per cent down payment, says Papineau. Considering most institutions' rates are in the 2.50 to 2.75 per cent range for a five-year fixed-rate mortgage, the payments would be \$2,275, using the upper rate for the calculation, generating a gap of nearly \$500 monthly, or \$6,000 annually.

Papineau says new homebuyers should squirrel away some of this money to meet unforeseeable expenses. "It's a general rule of thumb to set aside 1 per cent of the purchase price of your home each year for ongoing maintenance," he says. "You may not need to spend it every year, but having that money when the fridge dies or the roof leaks certainly alleviates some of the stresses of home ownership."

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+ NEST EGG

Homebuyers could also use funds to either invest or build a nest egg. "If you have not had the ability to maximize your tax-free savings account (TFSA), you can use these funds [to do so] for both short- and long-term goals," says financial advisor Cory Papineau.



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Easy a hard sell for Raps

Bucks reeling from losses



OPINION

Dave Feschuk

If we've come to know anything about the Raptors in the Kyle Lowry-DeMar DeRozan era, it's that they almost never make things easy.

The best teams in the NBA pile up low-friction points sharing the ball and shooting threes. The Lowry-DeRozan Raptors have spent most of the past few years taking turns playing back-alley 1-on-1 and preferring hard twos. They're contrarians by nature, underdogs by preference. Nobody ever forgets that Toronto GM Masai Ujiri almost blew up the Lowry-DeRozan era before it began because, the conventional wisdom was, you couldn't win with those guys in the playoffs.

And yet, those guys have won in the playoffs ... albeit ... um, slowly and not so assuredly. If there's a path of maximum resistance, they've shown a peerless talent for finding it.

So if you found yourself in the unfortunate circumstance of having to bet your life on the result of Thursday's Game 6 in Milwaukee, how could you do anything but lay your earthly existence on the Rap-

tors making things tougher than they need to be? This is another Game 6 on the road, after all. The Lowry-DeRozan Raptors have played three going back to 2014, all while carrying a 3-2 series lead. They were trounced in all three by an average of about 14 points.

Lowry and DeRozan are the linchpins of a franchise that has never won a best-of-seven playoff series in less than seven games. They seem to eschew the clinical for the chaotic. So why would anyone believe that's going to change Thursday night? Why would anyone believe they're about to stop torturing their fans by faithfully sprinkling stinkers into their annual playoff odysseys?



There's a lot of other things we've changed. So why not change this?

Dwane Casey

"Every series is different. Every year is different," Casey was saying on Wednesday.

Which was to say every Game 6 is different.

"I think our team now is more mature, battle ready," Casey said.

Exactly how The Raptors will finally win a Game 6 is up for debate. As their wins in Games 4 and 5 proved, zipping the ball around and watching teammates drain shots makes for an easier night. The Raptors have aver-

Well, Dwane Casey is paid to believe it. So let's hear him out.



RAPTORS
GAME 6 PREVIEW

If we've learned anything over the years it's that DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry never make things easy. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

aged 23 assists in their three wins, and 13 assists in their two losses. If the Toronto offence hums, the Bucks are sunk.

But so much of the offence depends on Lowry and DeRozan trusting their teammates, and their teammates trusting their jump shots, and that relationship is on-again, off-again. And Thursday will bring the added complication of a close-out dynamic. Milwaukee's season will be on the line. Toronto's will not.

"Mentally you can't go into

Game 6 thinking, 'OK, we've got Game 7 to go. We've got a game in our pocket,'" Casey said. "You can't approach it that way. The hardest thing to do in the NBA is to close out a series, whatever game it is. So we've got to go in there knowing that, not banking on a Game 7. We want to go and approach this like Game 7."

Lowry, speaking before Casey on Wednesday, was asked about the prospect of employing such mental self-trickery.

"Last year we said we had

to treat it like a Game (7) and we lost. So we have to treat it like a Game 6, but take it like another separate game," Lowry said.

At least the coach and the contrarian can agree on one thing. Every Game 6 is different. Whether or not these are the same old Raptors, or a more mature version poised for a franchise first, is what we're about to find out.

Dave Feschuk is a sports columnist with the Toronto Star

Sometimes, a young team needs to learn from failure to get better.

Milwaukee Bucks coach Jason Kidd hopes his players build on the lessons learned from a stinker of a Game 5 in their opening-round playoff series against the Toronto Raptors. They need to regroup quickly to avoid elimination when the Raptors and Bucks meet Thursday night at the Bradley Center.

The Bucks got a day off from practice after the 118-93 loss in Toronto that gave the Raptors a 3-2 series lead. They returned to practice Wednesday after a brief break from what has been an increasingly rugged series.

After getting blown out in Game 3 by the Bucks, the Raptors won the next two games in part by being more physical and slowing down Milwaukee.

"Yeah, I hope so," Kidd said when asked about whether his players learned from the blow-out loss. "Today, I thought guys were focused, understanding what we have to do. It's not hard, but for us the process of being able to be consistent is the one thing that we struggle with." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Jason Kidd

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NHL

Babcock among Jack Adams finalists

Toronto's Mike Babcock, Edmonton's Todd McLellan and Columbus' John Tortorella are the finalists for the Jack Adams Award as the NHL coach of the year.

Members of the NHL Broadcasters' Association voted at the end of the regular season, with the top three designated finalists Wednesday. The winner will be announced June 21 at the NHL Awards in Las Vegas.

Babcock led Toronto to a fourth-place finish in the At-



Mike Babcock THE CANADIAN PRESS

lantic Division and the second wild-card playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. The Maple Leafs were 30th in the NHL the previous season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Canucks unveil Green as newest head coach

The Vancouver Canucks have named Travis Green as their new head coach.

Green was introduced as the 19th head coach in Canucks history Wednesday at a news conference at Rogers Arena in Vancouver.

Green, a former Leafs forward, spent the last four seasons coaching the Canucks' top farm team, the Utica Comets of the American Hockey League.

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Kerr's back maladies are 'fixable': Warriors GM

Golden State Warriors general manager Bob Myers fully expects Steve Kerr to find a solution to his debilitating health issues and be back on the bench without being forced out of coaching altogether because of complications from two back surgeries.

The 51-year-old Kerr plans to be examined this week and is away from the team until he feels well enough to return.

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RUGBY

Racial slur against Wolfpack nets charge

A Salford player has been charged with making a racial slur during the Red Devils' win over the Toronto Wolfpack in Sunday's fifth-round Ladbrokes Challenge Cup match.

Salford's Justin Carney was sent off in the 26th minute of Salford's 29-22 rugby league win over Toronto. The alleged abuse was against veteran prop Ryan Bailey.

A hearing was put over to next week at the request of Salford. Carney faces a Grade F



Ryan Bailey
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charge for verbal abuse based on race/colour — the most severe category of offence carrying a penalty of at least eight games or a fixed time period if found guilty.

Toronto's next outing is its home opener May 6 against Oxford RLFC. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

A successful return for Sharapova after 15 months

Looking relieved, Maria Sharapova went through her familiar routine of waving to the crowd and blowing kisses after winning her first match on her return from a 15-month doping ban on Wednesday.

The five-time Grand Slam champion and former No. 1 beat Roberta Vinci 7-5, 6-3 in the opening round of the Porsche Grand Prix.

"It was the best feeling in the world," Sharapova said about stepping on court again for a professional match. "I have been waiting for this a long time." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Star RB Peterson taking ground game to Louisiana

Adrian Peterson, the NFL's most productive running back for much of the past decade, has decided to head into the twilight of his career as a potential backup in New Orleans' pass-happy offence.

The Saints on Tuesday came to terms on a two-year contract with Peterson, a 10-year veteran who has posted seven 1,000-yard seasons with Minnesota and once eclipsed 2,000 yards. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Judge allows trans wrestler to take testosterone

A judge has upheld a Texas policy that required a transgender boy taking testosterone to compete in the girls' wrestling tournament, where he won a state title.

A doctor administered the testosterone as part of Mack Beggs' gender transition. The Dallas Morning News reports that a Travis County judge dismissed an attorney's lawsuit that sought to bar the Eules Trinity wrestler from competing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Africa's Gift repays Pirates for callup

The Pittsburgh Pirates have called up infielder Gift Ngoepe, making him what they say is the first player from Africa to reach the major leagues.

The Pirates recalled Ngoepe from Triple-A Indianapolis on Wednesday and sent reliever Dovydas Neverauskas back to the minors.

The 27-year-old Ngoepe who was born in Pietersburg, South Africa, got his first hit, a single, in his first at-bat. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jays avoid rain-delay blues



IN ST. LOUIS

Richard Griffin

Perhaps the best result for the Blue Jays, and any feeling of momentum they might have gained via their amazing extra-innings win Tuesday, was a Wednesday rainout. They got an extra 24 hours to dwell on the smile-producing circumstances of that victory over the Cardinals — Chris Coghlan's Superman dive, Marcus Stroman's pinch-hit double and the successful third base start for catcher Russell Martin.

The revised schedule after Wednesday's early postponement does not favour the Jays and their effort to win a series for the first time this year. They will play a day-night doubleheader at Busch Stadium on Thursday, with Mat Latos facing the Cardinals' Carlos Martinez at 12:45 p.m. and rookie Casey Lawrence starting the 6:15 p.m. nightcap against the talented Adam Wainwright, who has been slow out of the gate for St. Louis.

There may, in fact, have



Chris Coghlan leapt over Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina to score in the seventh inning of the Jays' 6-5 extra innings win on Tuesday. CHRISTIAN GOODEN/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

been a method to the madness of the Cardinals' organization in calling off Wednesday's game around 11 a.m., when this is the only time this season the two teams are scheduled to meet. Normally a circumstance like that calls for patience and the hope that a local weather forecast, no matter how bad, produces a

window through which the game can get into the books.

But the NHL's Blues were playing Game 1 of their second-round series against Nashville at the same time on Tuesday. Why not concede the stage to the Blues and hope for a larger attendance and better weather the next day? It's been done.

On June 12, 2013, in John Gibbons' first year back as manager, the White Sox postponed a night game against the Jays early in the afternoon, citing weather. At game time, the sun was shining brightly on U.S. Cellular. What happened? Well the Blackhawks were playing the Bruins in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup

“It was like I saw a unicorn or something. It's just something that never happens. You might not ever see that again.”

Marco Estrada on Chris Coghlan's leap

final in Chicago. They won in triple overtime. The Sox gave up centre stage and re-scheduled.

Gibbons and the Jays must be hoping that history repeats itself, reflecting the results that emerged from that previous NHL-related faux-rainout four years ago. The Jays had won the last White Sox game before the rainout and then travelled to Texas and began a streak of 10 more wins, running the overall mark to 11 victories in a row, going from eight games under to two above .500.

That would be a sequence of events that Gibbons would love to see unfold again.

PREMIER LEAGUE

Spurs refocus on chasing Chelsea

Tottenham trimmed Chelsea's lead to four points again by edging past Crystal Palace 1-0 on Wednesday, with Christian Eriksen clinching the north London team's eighth successive Premier League win.

Eriksen collected a pass from Harry Kane and unleashed a dipping shot from around 25 yards in the 78th minute into the bottom corner of the net.

"I am very pleased for Christian, it was an unbelievable goal," Spurs manager Mauricio Pochettino said. "We changed things at halftime and in the second half we were much better and after 90, 95 minutes I think we fully deserved the win."

Tottenham's bid for a first title since 1961 rests on Chelsea dropping points in the five games. But the team's character in recovering from Saturday's FA Cup semifinal loss to Chelsea pleased Pochettino.

"That was always going to be difficult after Saturday, and it was a big challenge for us," Pochettino said. "I think it was



Christian Eriksen

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	GP	W-D-L	Pts.
Chelsea	33	25-3-5	78
Tottenham	33	22-8-3	74
Liverpool	34	19-9-6	66
Man City	32	19-7-6	64
Man United	32	17-12-3	63
Arsenal	32	18-6-8	60
Everton	34	16-10-8	58
West Brom	33	12-8-13	44
S'hampton	32	11-7-14	40
Watford	33	11-7-15	40
Stoke City	34	10-9-5	39
Crys. Palace	34	11-5-18	38
Bournemouth	34	10-8-16	38
West Ham	34	10-8-16	38
Leicester	33	10-7-16	37
Burnley	34	10-6-18	36
Hull City	34	9-6-19	33
Swansea	34	9-4-21	31
Middlesbrough	34	5-12-17	27
Sunderland	33	5-6-22	21

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a great opportunity to show we are focused on us and trying to improve our game, and to fight when we are under pressure."

Spurs looked far from title contenders in the first half, with Christian Benteke and Andros Townsend close to giving Palace the lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cheesy Roasted Pepper Penne



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

If you love the sweet flavour roasting gives to vegetables then you'll put this recipe on repeat.

Ready in 35 minutes

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 500g penne
- 4 peppers (an assortment of red, yellow and orange)
- 2 shallots, sliced
- 1/4 cup olive oil, plus 1 Tbsp
- salt
- 1 large clove garlic
- pat of butter
- 1/2 cup shredded Asiago cheese
- big handful of fresh basil leaves, chopped

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 and

prepare a baking sheet with non-stick spray.

2. Dice peppers into bite-sized pieces and slice shallots into strips. Toss with 1 Tbsp of olive oil and salt. Roast until tender and browned, about 15 to 20 minutes.

3. In a big pot of salted water, prepare pasta according to package directions. Before draining, reserve 1/4 cup of pasta water.

4. Place drained pasta back into the pot over no heat. Stir in reserved water, about 1/4 cup oil and pat of butter. Using a micro plane, grate garlic into pasta.

5. Stir in the roasted peppers and cheese. Stir in basil and then sprinkle the top with a bit more cheese, serve and enjoy.

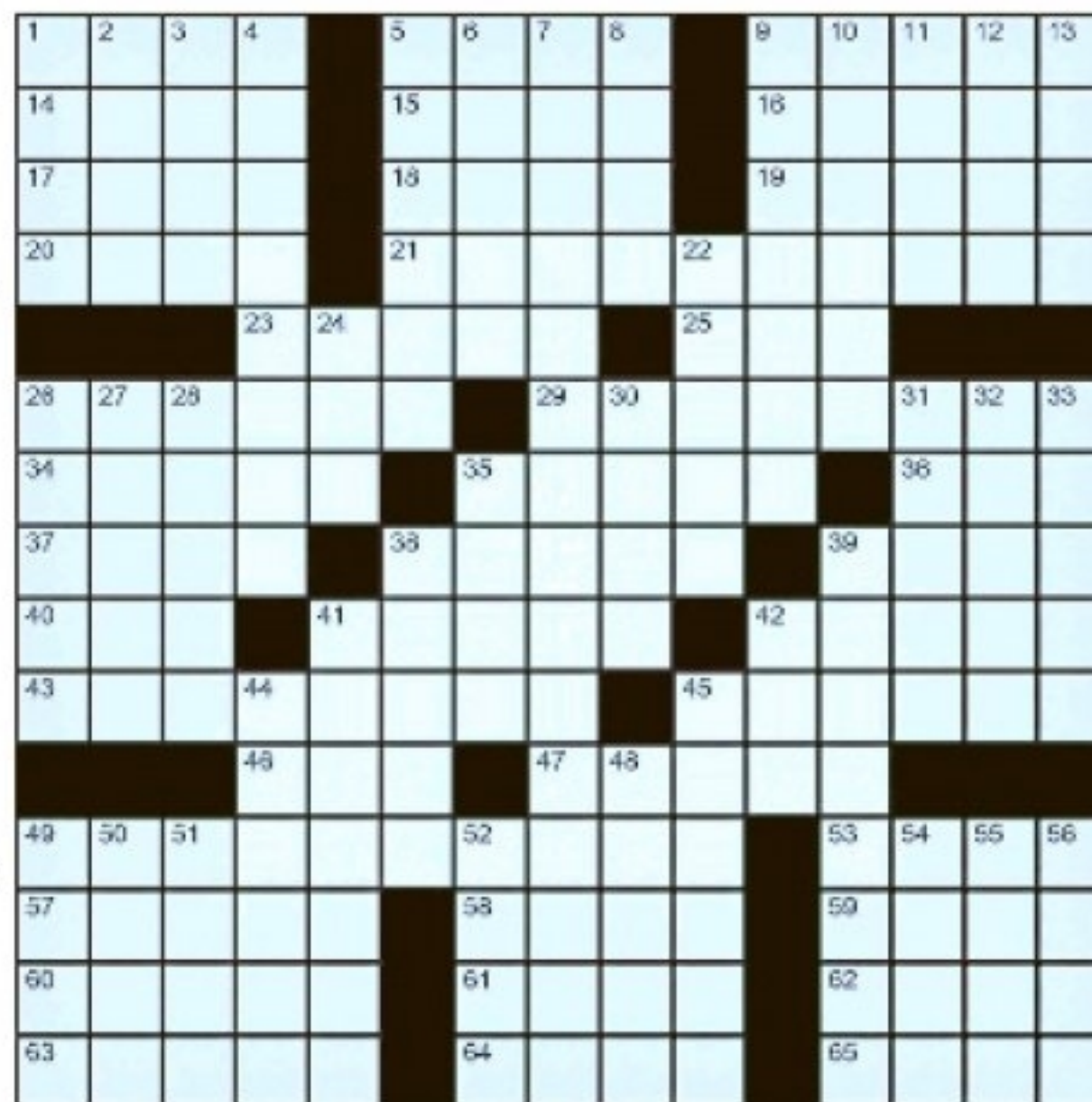
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1. Allied group
5. Curve
9. 1931: The Good Earth novelist, Pearl _ _
14. Prefix that means 'To the left'
15. Christian of 'Batman' movies
16. Vaclav _ (Playwright who was the President of Czechoslovakia in the early 1990s)
17. Santana song: " _ Ways"
18. Pet bat on "The Munsters"
19. Ms. Graff of "Mr. Belvedere"
20. "White Flag" songstress
21. Co-couples event for dinner and a movie: 2 wds.
23. Use a debit card
25. Arctic knife
26. Fancy-uniformed cavalryman of 15th-century Hungary
29. Sports: Wendel Clark was the first pick during it in '85: 2 wds.
34. Mr. Hawke
35. Sword fights
36. Scale's sixth sound
37. Currency in Oman
38. Lace-trimmed undergarments, for short
39. Chomp
40. Former
41. Sorts of fresh-water fish
42. Army assistants
43. Depict
45. Canuck band, _ Fire
46. "Shallow _" (2001)



47. Pass on the information
49. In sports, hands are held in a T-shape for one: 2 wds.
53. "On the Waterfront" (1954) actor, Lee J. _
57. Pledges
58. Read, in Quebec City

59. Ms. Falana
60. _ truck
61. Exclusively
62. One-of-some in a delivery bag, for short
63. _-level position
64. Belonging to the singer of "Halo", to fans

65. Singer of "The Sweetest Taboo"

DOWN

1. Was cut, did this
2. _ Strauss & Co.
3. Roman love poet
4. Stupendous
5. Rules respecter

6. Really criticize: 2 wds.
7. Bryan Adams tune that goes "And the moon is out and the stars are bright...": 3 wds.
8. Music's Peach-es & _
9. Brooke of "Sud-

- denly Susan"
10. Town in southern Manitoba named after one of Norse deity Odin's sons
11. Iris's place
12. Rapper 50
13. Emily Carr book, _ Wyck
22. Quiet times
24. Criticize
26. Masada builder, _ the Great
27. Handy
28. Herring-like fishes
30. "Who does he think _?!"
31. Ms. Valli of "The Third Man" (1949)
32. Destined
33. This stuff
35. Coat, as with plaster
38. Red Hot _ Peppers
39. Two-wheelers
41. In an un-refined way
42. _ Vos Prec (T.S. Eliot poetry volume)
44. Gum enjoyer
45. Garbage can areas downtown
48. Late's opposite
49. Sticky Scotch stuff
50. Mr. Lendl of tennis
51. State bordering Sask.
52. Clump of food
54. Eugene O'Neill's daughter
55. Norma's has a li'l 'Sunset'
56. Foundation

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Aries March 21 - April 20
This month is an excellent time for you to buy wardrobe items for yourself. It's also a wonderful time to schmooze with others,

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You might want to cocoon at home more than usual or hide somewhere during the coming month, because solitude in beautiful surroundings will appeal to you. Enjoy the good life.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
During the month ahead, you will be more involved with younger people and creative, artistic types than usual. Share your goals and dreams with someone.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Relationships with bosses, parents and authority figures will be particularly warm and supportive for the next month. Some of you might strike up a romance with a boss.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Travel for pleasure will appeal to you in the next month. Do something to get a change of scenery, because your appreciation of beauty will be heightened.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Throughout the next month, gifts, goodies and favors from others will come your way. Lucky you! Keep your pockets open.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Relationships with partners and close friends will improve in the next month. This also is a good time to mend broken fences.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Many of you will make your workspace more attractive during the next month. Some of you will get praise, and a few will get a raise!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Romance, vacations, playful times with children, sporting events and the arts will be wonderful sources of fun for you in the next month. Make plans to enjoy yourself!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Go forward with redecorating plans for where you live during the next month. You also will enjoy entertaining at home.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will notice more beauty in your daily world throughout the next month. You also will discover how much love there is in your everyday world.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Financial matters will bless you in the coming month. (You might boost your income in some way.) Many of you also will shop for beautiful things for yourselves and loved ones.

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